

Animal Mummies

In ancient Egypt, mummification wasn't just for the pharaoh and wealthy people. Egyptians also mummified animals!



Mummy of a dog
Metropolitan Museum of Art

Sometimes pets were mummified when their owners died. These pets are buried in their owner's tomb. Ancient Egyptians believed in a life after death, and wanted their pets to be with them.



Mummified Ibis
- a sacred bird

Cats and dogs were mummified, but so were snakes, crocodiles, and some birds!



Mummified dog

The cat mummy shows the linen cloth that it was wrapped in after death. The Ibis' mummy has decoration on the outside of the wrappings.



Mummified cat